

look like those of the persimmon and are not very numerous. According to Mr. Jones, the fruit ripens in the Isle of Pines from the last part of December to the middle of February. The tree is rare outside of certain parts of Mexico, but has done well at Mr. Jones' place. It seems worthy of much wider dissemination throughout the tropics. Types from the cooler parts of Mexico have withstood a little frost in Southern California, yet the trees cannot be considered very hardy." (Wilson Popenoe.)

*Erythea edulis* (Wendl.) S. Watson. (Phoenicaceae.) 39740. Seeds of the Guadeloupe Island palm from Santa Barbara, Calif. Presented by Mr. W. H. Morse, through Mr. O. F. Cook, of this Bureau. "This palm has been found in the wild state only on Guadeloupe Island, off the coast of Lower California, but it has been planted widely in the coast region of California and undoubtedly is one of the finest, and at the same time one of the hardiest of the whole series of ornamental palms. In California it appears to be more hardy than Washingtonia, and since Washingtonia is being grown at Charleston and other Atlantic Coast points, the Guadeloupe Island palm may also be able to survive. At least it should be given a fair trial. (It may not be as well suited to Florida, on account of the hot humid summer. Trachycarpus also does not thrive there in summer. I would suggest that seedlings be grown for experimental planting in the Carolinas and other Atlantic Coast states." (Cook.)

*Ficus* sp. (Moraceae.) 39828. Cuttings of a fig from Rome. Presented by Dr. Gustav Eisen. "Harrar. A fig from Abyssinia, most interesting and different from *Ficus carica*. Possibly a variety of *Ficus pseudocarica*. Fruit medium, outside violet brown, pulp reddish brown-vermillion, brilliant. Sweeter and better flavored than any other variety when full ripe. Growth of branches somewhat pendent, leaves like *Broussonetia papyrifera*. Abundant bearer and hardy. Suited, I think, to Texas, Arizona and southern California. May also do well in some parts of the south as it can stand considerable summer rains." (Eisen.)

*Ipomea batatas* (L.) Poir. (Convolvulaceae.) 39729-735, 39741-742, 39799-802, 39831-833. Tubers of sweet potatoes from Cuba. Presented by Mr. Juan T. Roig, Botanist, Agricultural Experiment Station, Santiago de las Vegas. Sixteen varieties for the experiments of the Office of Horticultural and Pomological Investigations.

*Malus* sp. (Malaceae.) 39829. Cuttings of an apple from Rome. Presented by Dr. Gustav Eisen. "Limoncella or